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Dear Installers,

This week, NY-Sun launches the Affordable Solar Residential added incentive, which doubles incentives provided by the NY-Sun program for owner-occupied households earning less than 80 percent of the area or State median income.

Projects eligible for the Affordable Solar residential incentive will receive the standard NY-Sun incentive, and will receive an additional incentive per DC Watt of nameplate capacity, up to a cap of 6 kW. The value of the additional incentive will be equal to the NY-Sun MW Block Incentive for which the project is eligible. (The standard incentive will still apply on the total system size according to the general NY-Sun program terms and conditions).

To be eligible for the Affordable Solar residential incentive, a project must meet all requirements of the NY-Sun Residential MW Block Incentive program, AND:

- Service the owner-occupied residence of a customer household determined to be income-eligible
- Attest to the installation of lighting efficiency and hot water efficiency measures in the residence
- Meet system sizing and customer cost savings requirements

Details of these requirements and incentive application instructions are published in the updated NY-Sun Program Manual. Applications for the Affordable Solar incentive will be accepted in conjunction with the standard incentive application, in an updated process through Powerclerk. The updates to the Program Manual and Powerclerk will go live by October 9, 2015. Necessary forms will be available under the Residential/Small Commercial section of the Installer page located on the NY-Sun website at: [ny-sun.ny.gov/For-Installers/Forms-Manuals-Tools](http://ny-sun.ny.gov/For-Installers/Forms-Manuals-Tools)

The Affordable Solar income eligibility guidelines and the customer application are currently available through the Affordable Solar webpage at: [ny-sun.ny.gov/Get-Solar/Affordable-Solar](http://ny-sun.ny.gov/Get-Solar/Affordable-Solar)

**Please note:** The Affordable Solar additional incentive cannot be retroactively applied to project applications submitted to Powerclerk prior to the effective date of the incentive, October 9, 2015.

**Projects are not permitted to change or cancel applications and re-apply to obtain the additional incentive.**

NY-Sun has also initiated a Third Party Owner Pilot (TPO Pilot), which allows customers who qualify for the Affordable Solar residential incentive to prepay solar leases and PPAs with GJGNY financing. Pilot projects can only be submitted by NY-Sun Contractors approved by NYSERDA for participation in the pilot. Please see the updated program manual for details.

\*\*For general questions about the Affordable Solar incentive program, contact:

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Thank you

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